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MEMORANDUM FOR: Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: Bernon Ferguson MITCHELL,
William Hamilton MARTIN,
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1. Reference is made to our memorandum of 17 July 1961, captioned as above, and also to Bureau letter dated 22 June 1961, addressed to the Director, National Security Agency, with copy to this Agency, Subject: "Bernon Ferguson MITCHELL, William Hamilton MARTIN, MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING".

2. The following information supplements the material on Nicolas Georges DAMASCOU aka DAMASKOU aka DAMASKOS aka DAMASCUS, reported in paragraph 6 of our 17 July 1961 memorandum, referenced above.

a. Our representatives in Melbourne advised that Australian Security Service indices reflect that Nicolas Georges DAMASCOU aka DAMASCOS, Greek national born 10 March 1931 at Alexandria, Egypt, arrived in Sydney, Australia, for permanent residence on 24 October 1956, aboard the S. S. STRATHNAVER, traveling on Greek Passport No. 8063/1949, issued 8 March 1949 at Alexandria, Egypt. At the time of his arrival in Sydney, DAMASCOU was in possession of Australian Visa No. 4232, issued in Cairo on 18 July 1956. He was described as follows: single, 5 feet 10 inches tall, normal build, brown eyes, black hair, occupation "writer". He departed Australia on 25 May 1960 aboard the S. S. ORONSAY, destination not indicated, and as of 18 July 1961 had not re-entered Australia.

b. Our representatives in Mexico City meanwhile had learned that Anastasia Georges DAMASCOU aka DAMASCUS, sister of the above, on 8 July 1960 applied at the Mexican Consulate in San Antonio, Texas, for a Mexican Tourist Card to enter Mexico to visit her brother Nicolas Georges DAMASCUS, then residing at the Hotel

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New York to Mexico City. At the time of her application for an entry permit, she made no mention of any wedding plans. The Mexican Government approved her trip on condition that she deposit with the Consulate a 10,000 Peso bond, as a guarantee of her intention to depart Mexico upon expiration of her tourist card. Mexican Immigration files contain no record of her actual arrival in Mexico following approval of her 8 July 1960 application. The most recent correspondence on this case contained in Mexican files is dated 15 February 1961, reflecting that Anastasie DAMASCOU again requested a Tourist Card on or about the date of the letter, at which time her address in the United States was given as c/o Mexican Consul, San Antonio, Texas. In reply to her second application for an entry permit, Mexican authorities again replied with a request that she post a bond in the amount of 10,000 Pesos, to guarantee departure from Mexico upon expiration of her tourist visa. There is no further information currently available on her further travel plans.

c. With reference to Nicolas Georges DAMASCOU, on basis of the information reported in preceding paragraph, a recheck by our representatives with officials of the United States Embassy in Mexico City revealed that Nicolas Georges DAMASKOU, born 10 March 1931 at Alexandria, Egypt, holder of Greek Passport 1953 issued in Alexandria, Egypt, on 5 March 1949 and valid to 29 April 1961, with address of 3 Elizabeth Bay Road, Elizabeth Bay, Sydney, Australia, was the recipient of a United States Visa on 22 October 1960. On his application, DAMASKOU indicated that he desired to visit the United States for a period of four months, described as a pleasure trip to visit his sister. His visa application did not include any destination address in the United States. It was also noted that the visa card maintained on Nicolas DAMASKOU in the Embassy in Mexico City contains a notation "I-683 to Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, May 29 1961."

d. Through a reliable confidential source our representatives in Egypt had learned in the interim that Nicolas DAMASCOU, who is identical with the individual described in preceding paragraphs, currently resides in Los Angeles, California, at 1430 North Gardner, Apartment 14, and that he advised his mother and younger brother, still residing in Alexandria, that he plans to marry the daughter of an American official, who is not further identified. The same source also advised that Georges DAMASCOU aka DAMASKOU, father of Nicolas and Anastasie DAMASCOU aka DAMASCUS, died during the summer of 1960. Following the demise of the father, Angelike DAMASCOU nee SAVOURAS, widowed mother of Nicolas and Anastasie

DAMASCOU, in company of a younger son not identified by name, had planned to emigrate from Egypt to join her son Nicolas in the United States. However, prior to the realization of these plans, Angelika DAMASCOU suffered a stroke, exact details concerning which are not known, but she is reported as of this writing still to be paralyzed and obviously is unable to travel. No further information was available on the possible future emigration plans of Angelika DAMASCOU nee SAVOURAS and/or of the unidentified younger brother of Nicolas DAMASCOU and of Anastasie DAMASCOU.

c. On basis of the reported filing of an application for a United States Visa in July 1956 at the U.S. Embassy in London by Anastasie DAMASCOU, our representatives in London were requested to initiate a check of British liaison indices in the names of Nicolas DAMASCOU and of Anastasie DAMASCOU. MI-5 advised that as of late July 1961, they hold no traces on Nicolas Georges DAMASCOU aka DAMASKOU aka DAMASKOS aka DAMASCUS, but that although they had no traces on Anastasie DAMASCOU, they were continuing to check her possible residence in London during 1956, based on the reported visa application date. MI-6 advised that they hold no traces on either Nicolas Georges DAMASCOU aka DAMASKOU aka DAMASCUS or on his sister Anastasie Georges DAMASCOU.

3. It is suggested that the indices of the Department of State, Visa Section as well as the indices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, may contain further detailed information on the current immigration status, whereabouts in the United States, and also the contacts in the United States of Nicolas Georges DAMASCOU aka DAMASCUS, of Anastasie Georges DAMASCOU aka DAMASCUS, and any other members of the family who may have applied for entry visas from abroad.

4. With regard to Justo SIERRA Casasus, mentioned in above referenced memorandum of 17 July 1961 as a contact of Nicolas DAMASCOU aka DAMASCUS, it is suggested that the indices of the Department of State may contain additional information on his activities during his service at the Mexican Embassy in Washington, D.C.

5. The information reported above is for the internal use of

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